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DRUM BEATING STARTS AGAIN FOR BUILDING

PORTERVILLE — Drum beating has started again aimed at creating favorable public opinion toward construction of a community building in Porterville suitable for and large enough to provide facilities for "small conventions" and meeting places for veteran groups as well as other organizations.

In general comment at a meeting of interested persons Tuesday night in the Porterville City hall, it appeared that although no firm plans have been developed in detail, thinking ran along the lines of a building with flat floor space to handle a dinner crowd of at least 1,000 persons.

In the building would be kitchen and food handling facilities; a number of small rooms suitable for organization meetings and also for meetings in connection with conventions; perhaps a secondary general purpose room, smaller than the main room, to handle meetings and dinners; also outdoor facilities of recreational or park nature.

Opinion as to location seemed to favor "the Santa Fe property" on East Olive opposite the fair grounds where the Santa Fe railroad owns about 30 acres, with all or part of this property to be purchased if possible.

It is expected that Santa Fe officials will be in Porterville within the next few days to discuss possibilities of a local public agency acquiring this property.

Presiding at the Tuesday (Continued On Page 10)

MOONLIGHT SALE STARTS TODAY

Special, money-saving bargains will be the order of the night - and day - during a Moonlight Sale being sponsored by merchants of the Greater Porterville area, today, tomorrow and Saturday. Rudy Pacheco, event chairman, says that shopping by moonlight will be in order Friday, when participating stores will stay open until 10 a.m. Bargain specials will continue throughout the three-day sale.

MRS. VERNON GILL IS COUNTY COWBELLE OF YEAR

PORTERVILLE — Mrs. Vernon Gill, of Pleasant Valley, near Springville - daughter of a former Montana cattleman, wife of a descendant of the pioneer Tulare County cattle family and mother of a cattleman - has been named 1972 CowBelle of the Year by the Tulare County CowBelles. She will be honored at a convention of the California Cow Belles association in Monterey next December.

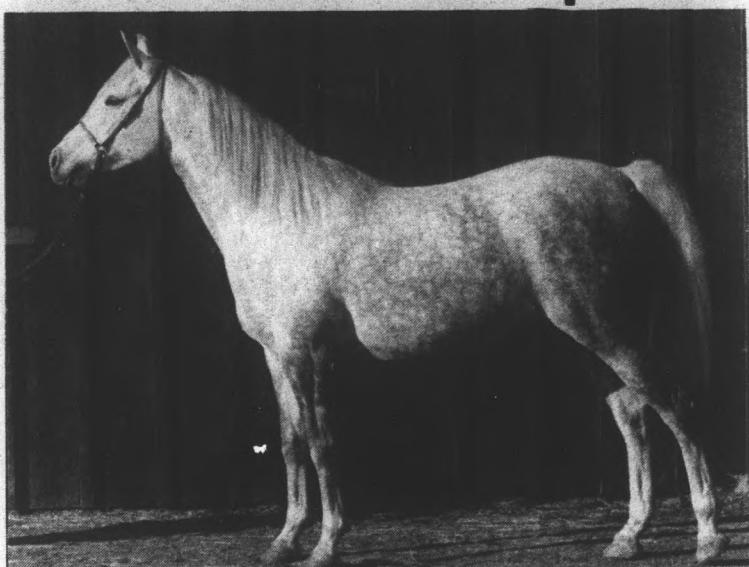
The honoree was a charter member of the Tulare County CowBelles; her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Dale Gill of Springville, is currently president of the organization.

A native of Montana, elder daughter of Mrs. Alice Allumbaugh and the late Charles B. Allumbaugh, Mrs. Gill came to Porterville when in high school. After graduating from Porterville Union High School, she was employed for two years



Mrs. Vernon Gill

Dr. Bill Baucom Horse Tops Sale



BRINGING A price of \$3,200, this 6-year-old mare, bred and shown by Dr. and Mrs. William G. Baucom, of Porterville, topped the Spring Spectacular Arabian sale, held May 14, at Earl Warren park in Santa Barbara. The gray mare, Ron Royal AHCR 35,505, was sired by Royal Storm; dam was Ronwinnie, with breeding going back through an impressive ancestry of famous Arabians. Buyer was "Klee Arabians," of Los Angeles. Dr. Baucom, whose ranch is located on the northeast edge of Porterville, has other top Arabians coming on. (Edwards Studio photo)

USDA AGRICULTURE SURVEY IS UNDERWAY IN NATION

SACRAMENTO — The most extensive agricultural survey of the year started swinging through the Nation's farm gates May 24.

Nearly 70,000 farmers coast-to-coast will be interviewed in the annual June Acreage, Livestock and Labor Enumerative survey. Conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Statistical Reporting service, this survey is the springboard for many 1972 crop and livestock production estimates and other farming forecasts.

By June 6, the survey will enumerate all agricultural activity within 16,500 scientifically selected land segments representing all U.S. farmland. The number of segments in a State ranges from 250 to over 1,000; only Alaska and Hawaii are not in the program.

"California has 1,026 segments for enumeration which will mean personal interviews with about 4,000 farmers," according to W. Ward Henderson, statistician in charge of USDA's California Crop and Livestock Reporting service. "Our fieldworkers, or enumerators, will ask farmers

about planted acreages, numbers of chickens, hogs, cattle and calves, and farm labor," Henderson said.

The main aim of the undertaking, however, is to identify acreages planted to major crops. This information will serve as a base for crop production estimates from July through harvest. Other near future releases stemming from the survey will be the June estimate of hogs and pigs, July cow-calf inventory, and July farm labor tally.

Henderson said the survey will also provide a sample of corn, cotton, wheat, and (Continued On Page 10)

WOODVILLE PICNIC AT MOONEY GROVE

Present and past residents of the Woodville community will gather Sunday noon, at Cannon Arbor in Mooney Grove for annual pioneer and community picnic. Beverages and dessert will be provided; persons attending should bring table service and a picnic lunch. In charge are W.J. Sommers and Mary E. Billingsley.

at the old First National bank, before her marriage in 1925 to Vernon Gill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gill.

Allumbaugh, who served as Tulare County District 1 supervisor from 1932 to 1941, had been in the cattle raising business in Montana before locating in the Porterville area.

The Vernon Gills have two sons, Dale and Brent. Dale is associated in the cattle industry with his father, as well as owning a ranch himself. Brent is owner-operator of the Whitridge Tire service in Porterville. He makes his home on a Gill ranch in Frazier valley.

There are three grandsons and one granddaughter to carry on the Gill family name in the cattle industry; Cindy Gill is 13 and very active in the Springville 4-H club; grandsons include Ryan, 4; Louis, 2; and Justin, 1.

INDIAN HERITAGE PROGRAM TO FEATURE DANCERS, DISPLAYS, IN AUDITORIUM, WEDNESDAY

PORTERVILLE — Second Annual Indian Heritage program in the Porterville Memorial auditorium next Wednesday evening will feature authentic Indian dances, performed by a group from the UCLA Indian Cultural Center; talks by Dr. Frank Clarke, Woodlake physician, and by Jay Silverheels, Tonto of the Lone Ranger series; displays of Indian beadwork and basketry; and historical photographs of the Tule River Indian reservation.

The program is sponsored by the Porterville High School American Indian club and the Tule River Reservation Tribal council, headed by Alex Garfield. Money raised through a \$1.00 admission charge for adults and 50 cents for children will go toward furnishing a study center in the new tribal building now under construction on the reservation.

Tickets are available from members of the American Indian club, at the Porterville High School Administration office and at Edwards studio in Porterville. The program, Wednesday, will start at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Clarke is a native Walapai Indian from Arizona. He attended the Riverside Indian school, Los Angeles City college, and UCLA before spending 12 years in the U.S. Navy.

After graduating from medical school at St. Louis university, he served in the

Jazz Concert

PORTERVILLE — Big Band Jazz '72 will be the theme of a jazz concert to be presented by the Fabulous Studio band, Friday evening, June 2, in the Porterville Memorial auditorium, with vocalist Doug Scarbrough to be featured.

The band, under direction of Buck Shaffer, produces the "big band" sounds of the past with a modern flare. All seats for the concert are \$1.00.

The Fabulous Studio band will leave in June on a nation-wide tour that will be highlighted by a Fourth-Of-July program in Ford Theater, Washington, D.C.



ANTHONY PURLEY JR., one of the dancers who will appear with a group from the UCLA Indian Cultural Center, at second annual Indian Heritage program next Wednesday evening, May 31, in the Porterville Memorial auditorium, starting at 7:30 p.m. (Edwards Studio photo)



Dr. Frank Clarke

FARRIERS COMPLETE SCHOOLING



ANOTHER CLASS - No. 20 - graduated this week from the Porterville Horseshoeing school; back row, from left: John Perry, instructor; David Jones, Monterey; Dennis Pike, Santa Barbara; David Carman, Long Beach; Phillip Spessard, Atascadero; Charles McGary, Los Alamitos; Stephen Courtney, San Francisco; and Todd McNutt, Bloomington, Illinois. (the dog is Snorky) Kneeling, from left: Mike Sargent, Beatrice, Nebraska; Monte Mills, Santa Ynez; John Black, Felton; Danny Eatherton, Anaheim; Timothy Dougherty, Carmel; and Michael Ahola, Fairfax; not in photo, Anthony Ables, Newman. Class No. 21 at the Horseshoeing school will start June 5. (Farm Tribune photo)

Editorial Comment

ENVIRONMENTALISTS SAY 'NO' ON "ENVIRONMENTAL" NO. 9

Proposition No. 9 on the June 6 ballot is officially titled "Environment, Initiative." The people trying to peddle it to California voters call it a "clean environment act". They are hawking a fraud. Who says so?

Environmentalists.

The Western Region of the National Audubon Society — one of the nation's oldest and most respected conservation organizations — has joined many other prestigious environmental groups and individuals in a strong warning against Proposition No. 9.

Writing in the April issue of "Audubon Topics, West," Paul M. Howard, Jr., the society's western regional director, said:

"Proposition 9 . . . not only lacks sound ecological reasoning, its sweeping attempts to be all inclusive disqualifies it for support."

Similar condemnations of No. 9 have come from the California Wildlife Federation, affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation; the Southern Council of Conservation Clubs; Sportsmen's Council of Central California; San Diego County Wildlife Federation; Associated Sportsmen of California; Sportsmen's Council of the Redwood Empire, and many others.

That's a powerful array of environmental opposition to something that purports to be pro-environment; a convincing knowledgeable voice saying "NO on No. 9."

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

MICHAEL W. SCHNELL, Major, USA, Ret., Mountain View — "The credibility of future U.S. presidents in foreign affairs hinges on the support we give or withdraw from our current chief executive. Do we want a will-o-the-wisp president or one who evaluates all the facts and makes a sound decision?"

CHRISTIAN NELSON, Martinez — "One fact is evident in the area of environmental improvement, and that is that not much will happen unless economic factors make it possible."

DOROTHY McDONALD, Anaheim, on women's lib — "True, women will have to give up their pedestal in this new society, but a pedestal is a very uncomfortable, cramped place to spend one's life."

ADOLPH SCHUMAN, Hillsborough, dress manufacturing exec, civic leader, philanthropist — "Giving is a means of returning the investment the community put in you. I give my money and keep my mouth shut and am grateful I'm not on the receiving end."

A. L. HENRY, Orinda — "The fact that the Communists intend to take over and control South Vietnam cannot be ignored. Americans (especially the Fulbrights, McCloskeys and McGovern) would do well to remember Munich and the selling out of Czechoslovakia that did not bring peace."

GEORGE M. DEAN, Hillsborough, retired utility exec, active civic leader — "In my lifetime I cannot recall when young people had so many divergent forces pulling at them; but I have tremendous confidence in today's youth."

GAIL FISHER, Hollywood TV Emmy winner — "Happiness is a fleeting thing that you have to grab when and where you can. The rest of the time you just have to roll with the punches."

ANNE S. YOUNG, L.A. — "When Women's Lib first came out I thought, if we want our homes to be in the same mess the world is in, let the men take care of them; now that I've worked under women supervisors all I can say is God help the world if women run it!"



FAIR BOARD chairman Babe Hodgson was on both the giving and receiving end of awards at the 1972 Porterville fair. In left photo he is shown with Mrs. Hodgson presenting the R. Hodgson & Sons awards in the ornamental horticulture division

to Alex Jimenez and John Clover, Porterville FFA, who tied with 20 first-place awards for top honors, and a second award for best organization display to Mary Fitton, president of the Porterville FFA chapter. In right photo Mr. and

Mrs. Hodgson receive a cake from Smith Bakery, presented on the outdoor fair stage by Nanci Carter, honoring Hodgson for 25 years of work as chairman of the Porterville Fair board. (Hammond Studio photos)

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION NO. 9 IS WIDE-SPREAD THROUGHOUT STATE

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 420 California statewide, regional and local organizations — representing many points of view — have joined together in a common effort to defeat counter-productive Proposition No. 9 — the pollution initiative on the June 6 ballot.

The united effort against Proposition No. 9 includes scores of organizations representing labor unions, conservationists, agriculture, business, industry, governmental and service agencies on all levels, as well as newspapers and radio and television stations throughout the state.

In the forefront of the fight against the proposition are the California Labor federation, AFL-CIO, the statewide Teamsters union, the Building and Construction Trades council, the California Wildlife federation, the Western region of the National Audubon society and the Southern Council of Conservation clubs.

Agricultural organizations that have denounced No. 9 include the Farm Bureau federation, the Agricultural Council of California, the Council of California Growers, the California Grange, California Farmers, Inc., and the California Association of Resource Conservation districts.

Newspapers that have editorialized against Proposition No. 9's rigidity, slap-dash, hodge-podge, self-defeating and counter-productive characteristics include the Los Angeles Times, the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, the Sacramento Bee, the San Francisco Chronicle, the San Francisco Examiner, the San Diego Union, the San Diego Evening Tribune, the Oakland Tribune, the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat, the Whittier News, the Bakersfield Californian, the Sacramento Union, and the Santa Ana Register.

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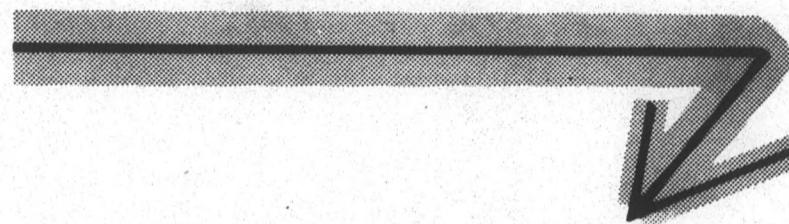
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For over 30 years I have served Tulare County and the Community as:

- Deputy Superintendent of Schools for Tulare County
- Trustee Strathmore Union High School
- Secretary Strathmore Chamber of Commerce
- Charter member and President of the Strathmore Lions Club
- Judge of the Lindsay Justice Court

The above qualifications provide a background for my being a vigorous District-Wide Representative for Tulare County Agriculture, for the smaller cities and communities, for law enforcement and orderly Tulare County Development and Growth.

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Farmers Can Get Emergency Loans

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Bob Mathias announced that fruit growers and farmers in Kern and Tulare Counties are eligible for Farmers Home Administration Emergency Loans through June 30, 1973. This action was taken because a hard freeze during the last week in March caused damage to fruit and nut crops.

FIRST TOMATOES BEING PICKED IN TULARE COUNTY

VISALIA — First tomatoes were picked from spring plantings in Tulare county last week, according to a report from the office of Agricultural Commissioner Elvin O. Mankins.

Potato harvest should get underway around the first of June. Valencia oranges are beginning to move better; Navel orange harvest is continuing at a slow pace; and limited harvest of early variety Freestone peaches and plums is continuing, Mankins says.

Cotton started coming along better as a result of warmer weather (before the weekend weather change) and alfalfa is being cut and baled. Dryland barley and wheat are being cut for hay, and some fields are being grazed by sheep.

California's preliminary potato acreage for 1972 is set at 2,100 acres by Crop and Livestock Reporting service officials.



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COUNTY DISPLAY TAKES SECOND AT ORANGE SHOW

SAN BERNARDINO — Tulare County's recreational display was awarded second prize from among the more than 20 county displays showing at the 57th National Orange show, which opened for a 12-day run on Thursday, May 18, at San Bernardino in southern California. Prize money was \$550.

Other than the display itself, the most outstanding feature of the whole citrus building was the excellent fruit in the Tulare County display which was furnished by the five citrus exchanges of Tulare county. While the rest of the counties in the building showed their fruit, it was obvious that the Tulare County fruit was superior to anything in the show, according to Wayne Robertson, manager of the Tulare County chamber of commerce.

Haden To Retire From Directorship

VISALIA — George Haden, director of curricular services for Tulare County Department of Education for the past 18 years, recently announced his retirement from that position. During this period, Haden was instrumental in the initiation and development of such educational projects as neighborhood youth corps, migrant education programs, juvenile crime prevention, and pre-school child care centers.

Carrot digging is active in the Imperial valley; is slowing in Coachella valley; and is just starting in the Salinas valley.

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Thrill Shows On Wheels And Horses At Kings Fair

HANFORD — A thrill show every day, on wheels or horses, will be on tap at the Kings District Fair at the fairgrounds in Hanford June 14-18.

Championship rodeo that is expected to attract more than 125 California stars in bull dogging, roping and bronc riding will be staged at 8 p.m. Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17 in the grandstand arena. Buddy Alan, western singing star and son of Buck Owens will present a musical intermission show during the rodeo.

On Sunday night June 18 the grinding crunch of smashing automobiles will mark the annual "Destruction Derby" in which leading riders from all over the state will compete. The last car able to move a way under its own power from the toppled, smoking wreckage will be declared winner in a show that's always a sensation.

A new event to the fair circuit will hold the arena spotlight on Thursday, June 15. Tri-wheel cycles whose hopped up flea-power engines drive them at speeds up to 90 miles an hour will race over an obstacle track. Deep pits that will send the little cycles flying into the air, mud holes and sharp turns will test the skill of the drivers in a spectacular event.

A five race card, including a futurity for two year olds will be staged on Sunday, June 18. A junior rodeo, expected to draw 250 young stars into competition for a \$500 silver saddle, will be staged starting at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, opening day of the fair.

DAIRY PRINCESS WILL BE NAMED

TULARE — Dairy princess for District 9, that includes Tulare and Kings counties, will be picked tomorrow night, Friday, in ceremonies at the TDES hall in Tulare; a social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., the program at 7:30 p.m. Winner will compete for the title of California Dairy princess at the Century Plaza hotel in Los Angeles, June 29.



SPECIAL AWARD winners at the Porterville fair - top, home economics division: Foods, senior winner, Cathy Pelous, Lindsay 4-H; junior winner, Gwyn Sellers, Lindsay 4-H; trophies donated by 20-Ands, represented by Doris Burkhardt, left back. Home furnishings, senior winner, Julie Swartzlander, Ducor 4-H; junior winner, Kimberly Keen, Ducor 4-H; trophies donated by

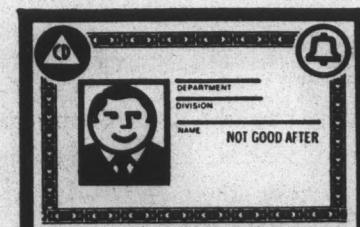
Porterville Women's club, represented by Mrs. Robert Matzke, second from left, back. Clothing, senior winner, Julie Swartzlander, Ducor 4-H; junior winner, Diane Warden, Prairie Center 4-H; trophies donated by Porterville Emblem club, represented by Darlene Thomas, third from right, back. Special Home Furnishings, senior winner, Julie Swartzlander, awards presented by Catholic Daughters, represented by Doris Burkhardt; junior winner, Kristan Bedford, Success Valley 4-H, award donated by Ducor Women's club, represented by Marge Swartzlander. Champion layer cake, senior winner, Julie Swartzlander, second place Annette Rodriguez, Rockford 4-H; junior winner, Debra Todd, Ducor 4-H, second Jeff Shelton, Vandalia 4-H, awards presented by American Legion Auxiliary, represented by Diane Larson, and Golden Rod Rebekah lodge, represented by Audrey Shamley and Opal Phelps. Middle photo - All Cotton division: Dina Souza, Pleasant View 4-H, and Darlene Turney, Ducor 4-H, senior and junior winners; second place, Carolyn Peterson, Westfield 4-H, and Sandra Tsuboi, Lindsay 4-H, senior and junior, with sewing machines and sewing baskets donated as awards by Tule River Cooperative Gins Inc. Novice winners were Kimberly Keen, first, Jane Hightower, second, both Ducor 4-H; awards were given by Bullards. At left in photo, Roscoe Honeycutt, fair director and manager of the Tule River Coop. gin, Nancy Carter, Tulare County Alternate Maid of Cotton, and Davalynn Chamberlain, County Maid of Cotton. Lower photo, gymkhana winners Kip Veitch, high points in 8-13 age group, and Diana Lykins, high points in 14-18 age group, with Miss Porterville, Marilyn Thomas.

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Giant Water District Proposed To Push For East Side Project

VISALIA — Formation of an East Valley Water district, extending from Stockton on the north to Oildale on the south, has been proposed to the Tulare County Water commission by Ralph Rosedale, Dinuba farmer and chairman of the Tulare County Republican Central committee.

Rosedale said that creation of such a district would put "political muscle" in efforts to get the proposed federal project going. He pointed out that a number of water entities in the San Joaquin valley are working to implement construction of the eastside canal, a unit of the Central Valley Water project, but that things are now at a standstill.

County water commissioners offered assistance in setting up a feasibility study.

LEGION MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL HONOR MEMORY OF WAR DEAD

PORTEVILLE — Tribute will be paid to the memory of those who gave their lives in the service of America during a Memorial Day program in the Porterville cemetery, Monday, May 29, starting at 9 a.m., under auspices of Porterville Post 20, The American Legion.

Principal speaker will be Tom Van Groningen, superintendent of the Porterville high and elementary school districts; invocation will be spoken by the Rev. Ray Kjeldahl, Post 20 chaplain and retired Protestant chaplain at Porterville State hospital.

Benediction will be given by

Nominees Being Sought For Maritime Academy

HANFORD — Young men between the ages of 17 and 21 interested in applying for nomination to the California Maritime academy - beginning in August - should contact the office of Assemblyman Gordon Duffy at 321 North Douty in Hanford, or 213-A North Encina in Visalia.

The appointee selected from the 21st Assembly district will enter a three-year merchant marine training period at the academy in Vallejo. As a graduate of the academy, he will receive a federal license as a Third Officer, will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in nautical science or marine engineering, and may also qualify for a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Naval reserve.

the Rev. Charles M. Brandon, pastor emeritus of St. John's Episcopal church in Porterville; patriotic music will be provided by Buck Shaffer and an instrumental ensemble.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, according to Hughe Williams, commander of Post 20. Williams also urges all citizens to fly the American flag over the Memorial day weekend.

STUDENT PRESIDENTS SUPPORT NIXON CANDIDACY

LOS ANGELES — Eleven college student body presidents, representing 10 regions throughout the nation, have announced formation of Student Leaders For The President committee to support reelection of Richard Nixon as president of the United States.

Heading the association is Kent Clemence, student body president at the University of Southern California; representing the western region is Joe Piasta, student body president at the University of San Francisco.

Serving also are student body presidents from Wabash college in Indiana; University of Washington; Old Dominion college, in Virginia; University of Alabama; University of Texas; South Dakota State university; University of Colorado, Brandeis University in Boston, and University of Wisconsin.

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PORTEVILLE — The Porterville Adult School graduating class will total 52 persons this year according to Dr. R.H. Chamberlain, director of adult education for the Porterville Union High School district.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for Friday, June 2, at

7:30 p.m. in the Monache High School gymnasium. It precedes other graduations so that parents do not have to choose between their children's graduation and their own, says Dr. Chamberlain.

Guest speaker for the program will be Dr. Orlin Shires, president of Porterville college. Presenting the diplomas will be

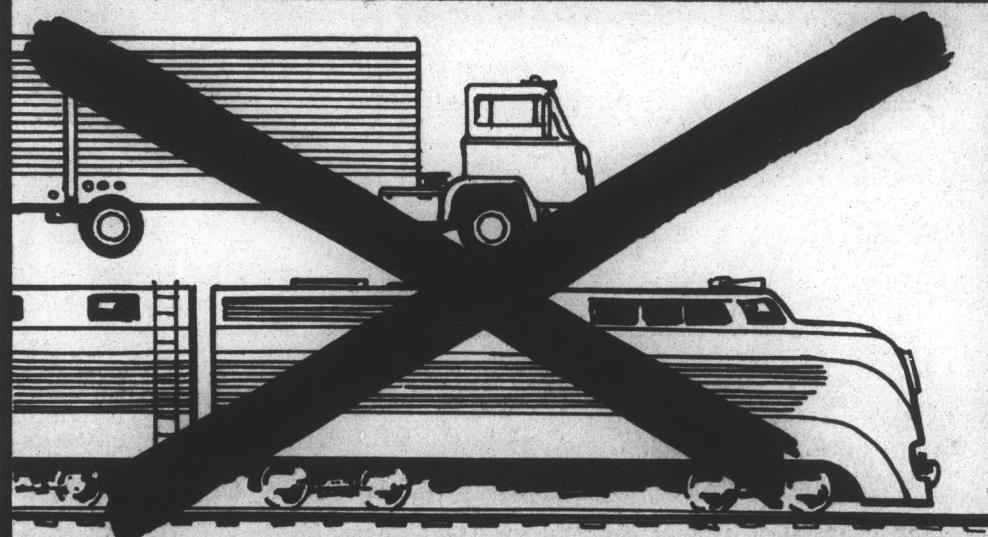
LAVERY TO SPEAK ON COLLEGE CAMPUS

PORTEVILLE — Vincent J. Lavery, of Merced, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the 18th district congressional seat held by Bob Mathias, spoke yesterday on the Porterville College campus.

district board member, Willard Choate.

The public is invited to the graduation.

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Unemployment would reach staggering proportions.

You wouldn't be able to provide yourself and your family with the basic necessities of life!

Nobody in his right mind would vote "yes" on such a stupid, vicious proposal. Yet that's what you're being asked to do when you go to the polls on June 6 to vote on Proposition No. 9 — the Pollution Initiative.

Down in the fine print, Proposition No. 9 contains an innocent-sounding provision limiting the content of sulfur in diesel fuel sold for use in internal combustion engines in California to .035 per cent.

The limit now in effect is .5 per cent — 14 times as much!

The very small amount of diesel fuel now available that would meet this ridiculous requirement is insufficient even to fill the needs of public transit buses, which run on the lowest sulfur content diesel now in production.

If Proposition No. 9 should pass, the next day the great majority of trucks and diesel-powered freight locomotives would have to stop running — because there would be no "legal" fuel available to operate them!

It would take an undetermined period of time — two years? — six years? — nobody knows for sure, before refineries could be adapted at enormous expense to produce diesel fuel in the quantity needed to meet our transportation needs.

Knowing the facts, nobody in his right mind would vote for Proposition No. 9.

LOSING YOUR JOB WON'T SOLVE POLLUTION!

And voting for Proposition No. 9 won't solve pollution. The Technical Advisory Committee of the Air Resources Board of California reports that even if the sulfur content of diesel fuel required by Proposition No. 9 could be achieved, it would reduce sulfur-dioxide emissions in Los Angeles County by only three-tenths of one percent! What a price you're being asked to pay to accomplish virtually nothing!

Vote NO on Proposition No. 9

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DUCOR 4-H MEMBERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

DUCOR — New officers who will be serving the Ducor 4-H club for 1972-73 were elected at the club's May meeting.

Delbert Evans was elected president; Julie Swartzlander, vice president; Marcia Carlisle, secretary; and Debbie Todd, treasurer. Other elected positions include: sergeant-at-arms, Phillip Castle, Mike Flynn, and Jim Hightower; and songleaders, Riana Baxley, Karen Carlisle, Twila Dilday, and Mary Beth Lawrence.

In other club business, committee reports were given by members: project tour, Marcia Carlisle; regional field day,

Conrad Zimmerman; salute to home furnishings, Julie Swartzlander; Practice Horse Achievement day, Brent Daniel; Junior Dress revue, Sharon Turney; wood duck houses, Kirk Swartzlander; fair booth, Kathie Boyd; Beef Field day, John Parsons; and building of benches for the Porterville fair, Kathy Garlock.

Topics of the leaders' reports were 4-H fair, record books, Junior 4-H camp, and Porterville fair stall cleanup. Club members decided to donate \$75 to the Porterville fair and Tulare County 4-H council.

Project reports were presented by Darwin Wiley, Melanie Rickels, Laurie Yates, Jackie Fogle, Kelly Fontaine, Baylor Baxley, and Tina Dilday.

SWINE PRODUCERS MEETING TONIGHT

VISALIA — Swine producers will meet for dinner tonight at Alma's Ranch house, with program speakers to be Dr. Eldred Kerr, regional veterinarian, Food & Drug administration, San Francisco, and Dr. George Crenshaw, extension veterinarian, University of California at Davis.

VETERINARIANS WILL SPEAK TO SWINE PRODUCERS

VISALIA — Dr. Eldred Kerr, regional veterinarian for the state Food and Drug administration, and Dr. George Crenshaw, extension veterinarian for the University of California, Davis, will be guest speakers at a meeting open to all Tulare county swine producers this evening, May 25, 7:00 p.m., at Alma's Ranch house in Visalia.

Discussion will center around proper use of antibiotics and feed activities in swine production. Prime rib dinner will be served at \$4.75 per plate.

CLUB MEMBERS WIN 4-H FAIR FOOD AWARDS

TULARE — Top honors were awarded to the following 4-H club members in food products division at the recent 45th Annual Tulare County 4-H fair in Tulare:

Bread: Priscilla Darling, Springville 4-H, reserve grand champion; and Vicki Wardlaw, Success Valley 4-H, champion.

Cake: Julie Swartzlander, Ducor 4-H, grand champion.

Pies: Cathy Pelous, Lindsay, grand champion; and Linda Lee, Prairie Center 4-H, champion.

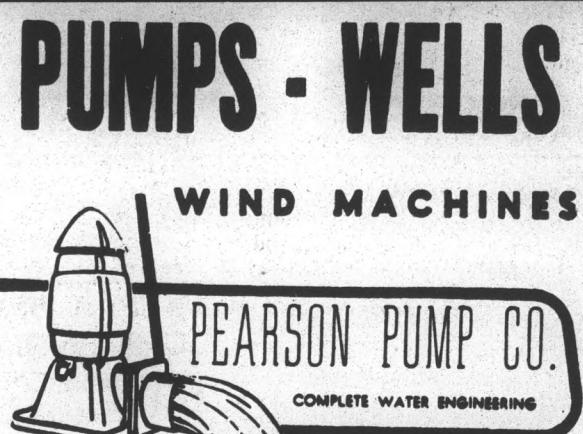
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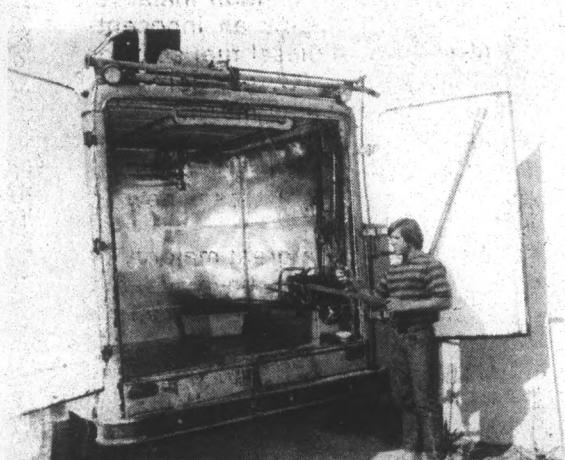
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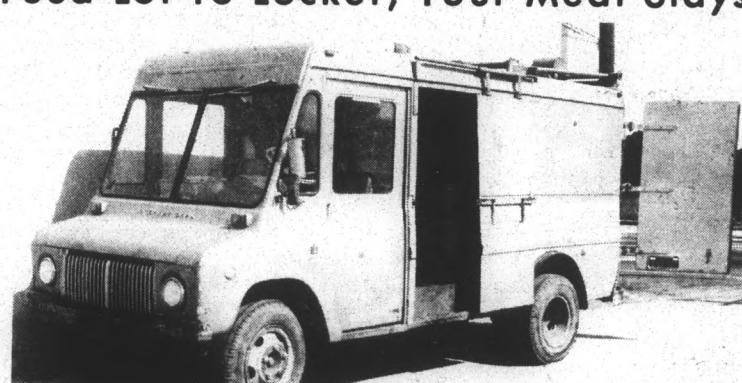
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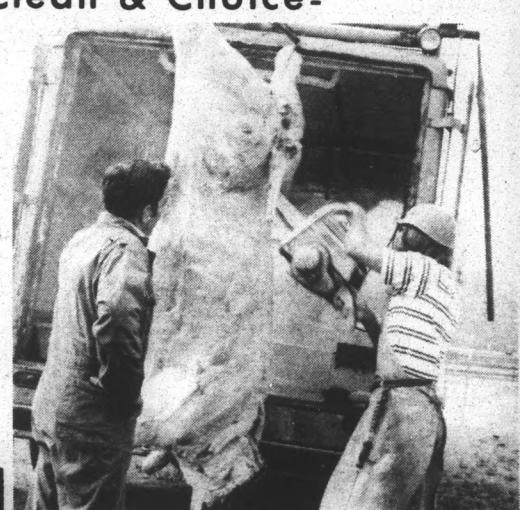


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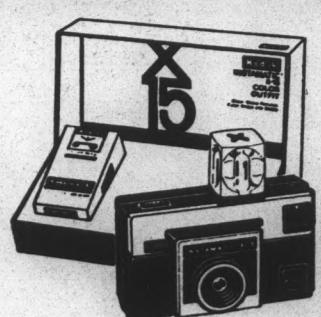


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C.I.F. TRACK MEET FRIDAY IN JAMISON STADIUM

PORTERVILLE — The central section - CIF - track and field championships will be held at Jamison stadium, at Porterville college, Friday, May 26, with starting time 5:00 p.m. for field events, and 6:30 p.m. for all running event finals.

Ticket booths will open at 4:15 p.m., located on the west side of the stadium. Ticket prices are \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for high school students with student body cards and children under 12.

This meet features the top nine boys in each event in the valley, with the top three in "A" class advancing to the state meet in Oroville on June 2 and 3. Almost all of the events promise to be outstanding as so many of the athletes are close in ability this year, according to Don Kavadas, meet director.

CITRUS BLOOM BELOW AVERAGE SAYS MANKINS

VISALIA — Bee hives are being shifted more rapidly to different citrus orchards due to below-average bloom, according to County Agricultural Commissioner Elvin Mankins.

Growers are actively spraying for insect pests in orchards, said Mankins. Small volumes of Valencias are being picked for export.

Harvest of early peaches is underway. Thinning of late variety peaches and nectarines continues.

Most cotton fields are showing a good stand, but growth has been slow. Cultivation and thinning is underway.

Planting of green beans for the cannery has begun, and fields that are already up are making good growth. Second cutting of alfalfa fields has also started in most areas.

Barley fields are maturing rapidly, although wind has caused considerable lodging in some areas. Oats are well-headed out and are being cut and baled or green-chopped.

Cucumbers and squash are being picked. Tomatoes are making good growth, and first crops are setting well.

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Dan Sanchez, Sam Garcia and Robert Orosco; Bottom row, from left: Frank Avila, Fernando Martinez, Herman Gonzales, Ysidro Luna, Alfredo Gamboa, Jesus Guzman, Bulmaro Ortiz, Albert Lopez, Miguel Becerra, Raymond Meza, Bill Martinez, Bob Gonzales, Ralph Baeza. (Farm Tribune photo)

New Disease Threatens Tomato Crops

RIVERSIDE — A newly-identified disease - Fusarium crown rot - threatens southern California's tomato industry.

Controls and ways to prevent spread of the disease to northern California are being sought by a University of California research team of plant pathologists.

In some San Diego County fields, as high as 75 to 90 percent of the tomato plants have been infected. The disease is caused by a new strain of Fusarium related to the tomato wilt pathogen, and has reduced yields on farms from San Luis Rey to the Mexican border.

Although no tomato variety has been found that completely resists the disease, Farm Advisor Bernarr Hall said an Ace variety seems to have some field tolerance to the disease.

GREGORY WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

PORTERVILLE — Tickets for civil rights leader Dick Gregory's speech tonight at Porterville college may be obtained at \$1.00 each at Gibson's stationery, Seat Cover, and Porterville college book store. Gregory, who will speak in the student union, will cover "the great social revolution in America - right against wrong."

VALLEY SUGAR BEETS ARE LOOKING GOOD

LOS ANGELES — Despite a cold winter and lack of rainfall, San Joaquin valley sugar beet growers appear on their way to an excellent production year, according to spokesmen for the three major processors contracting acreage in the area.

Early morning and evening hours are generally best for the bass fisherman, although bass feed almost constantly.

JUNIOR DRESS REVUE DRAWS OVER 250 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

TULARE — Over 250 young 4-H members participated in the recent annual Junior Dress revue at Tulare Union High school according to 4-H Youth Advisor Luella Scharff.

Winners in Division one included: Laura Buckley, Visalia; Rosemarie Arnold, Prairie Center; Caroline Bodley, Springville; Laura Buckley, Vandalia; and Leisa Milford, Vandalia.

Diana Young of Prairie Center received a gold seal certificate. Red seal certificate winners were: Sharon Conway, Pleasant View; Lisa Ferrell, Vandalia; Gayle Metcalfe, Springville; Debbie Polhamus, Springville; Mary Quatacker, Pleasant View; Jennifer Schultz, Springville; and Heidi Weisenberger, Prairie Center.

Winners of gold seal certificates in division two were: Katherine Homer, Vandalia; Julie Kavadas, Westfield; Kelly Martin, Vandalia; and Leighann Milford, Vandalia.

Winners of blue seal certificates in division two were: Anne Cummings, Springville; Katherine Homer, Vandalia; Julie Kavadas, Westfield; Kelly Martin, Vandalia; and Leighann Milford, Vandalia.

Red seal certificate winners in division two included: Kathy Bennett, Vandalia; Pam Bowker, Vandalia; Bonnie Duer, Westfield; Gwen Fogle, Ducor; Shawna Goodfellow, Springville; Cathy Hudspeth, Prairie Center;

Janine Lagadere, Springville; Renee Rockholt, Pleasant View; Becky Rippee, Vandalia; Darlene Turney, Ducor; and Debra Turner, Pleasant View.

Championship winners in division three were Carla Carter, Vandalia; and Rebecca Fuller, Prairie Center. Diane Warden of Prairie Center was a simplicity medalist.

Sharon Turney of Ducor won a gold seal certificate. Linda Lee of Prairie Center won a blue seal certificate.

Red seal certificates for division three went to: Opal Adams, Prairie Center; Kathleen Baggally, Rockford; Rochelle Brown, Westfield; Jeannine Ellison, Westfield; Julie Lewis, Springville; Kristeen Rockholt, Pleasant View; Maxine Stephens, Prairie Center; Laurie Yates, Ducor; and Becky Cloud, Prairie Center.

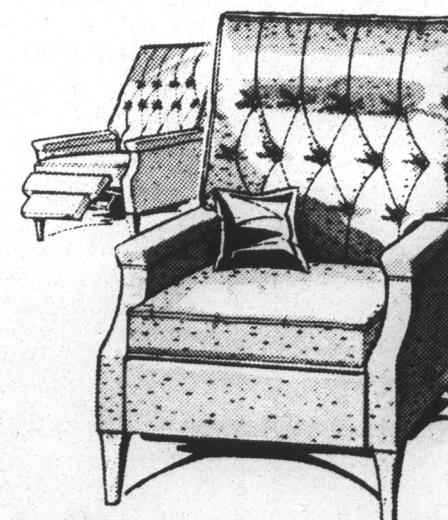
Betsy Atkin of Springville won a championship ribbon in division four. Sheryl Spuhler of Prairie Center won a gold seal certificate in division four.

Cindy Gill of Springville and Sandy Greer of Prairie Center won blue seal certificates. Red seal certificates went to Deelynn Fallert, Westfield; and Lana Stidham, Prairie Center.

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SHARMAN UNDER MEDICAL CARE BECAUSE OF VOICE

BAKERSFIELD — Jerry West substituted for Bill Sharman as guest speaker at Cal State Bakersfield's First Annual Basketball Awards banquet, held last night at the Bakersfield Inn.

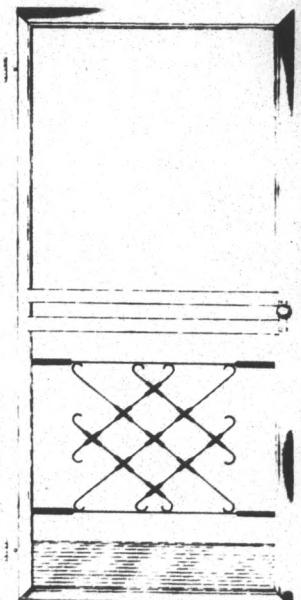
Sharman, who has been advised by his physician that he must cancel all public engagements that require any speaking is currently under the care of one of the nation's leading speech therapists because of continuing throat problems.

The Awards banquet honored the "Roadrunners" of the CSB basketball team, who set a 21-5 record in their first year of play.

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SAGA OF the new stage at the 1972 Porterville fair, from left to right, top to bottom, more or less: Joe Mosconi, at the mike, president of the Porterville Breakfast Lions club, presents a new outdoor stage of magnificent proportions to Fair Board Chairman Babe Hodgson, complete with excellent backdrop, as shown with pet parade winners grouped together

KERN VALLEY RODEO AND PARADE SET FOR JUNE 11

LAKE ISABELLA — Kern Valley Rodeo association will stage its annual rodeo and parade Sunday, June 11, at Lake Isabella, with parade participants to receive passes for the afternoon rodeo that will start at 1 p.m.

The parade is set for 10 a.m., with entry forms and full

and the Grossmont High School band getting ready for its opening-night concert. And Miss Porterville, Marilyn Thomas, welcomes Band Director James W. Nichols to Porterville. Then catastrophe - the winds came and over went the backdrop into a twisted mass of steel and canvas. But the show went on, ending with massed Grossmont

information available from the Kern Valley Rodeo association, P.O. Box 3, Lake Isabella, Ca. 93240.

ROBERT E. FORD NAMED MANAGER

CLOVIS — Robert E. Ford of Lindsay, 39, has been named general manager of Clovis Citrus company at Clovis, northernmost of the citrus packing houses in the San Joaquin valley affiliated with Sunkist Growers, Inc. Ford's appointment was announced by Floyd Harlan, president of the firm. A native of Lindsay, Ford has served the past two years as manager of the Pacific Coast Farms packing house at Exeter.

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and Monache bands on stage - a total of 180 musicians. Breakfast Lion members and fair personnel worked all day to get the backdrop anchored in place for the second and third nights of the fair - which, of course, is show biz. As for fair directors - a big "thank you" goes to the Breakfast Lions for their efforts. (Hammond Studio photos)

SUNKIST MANAGERS' WORKSHOP HELD

POTTERVILLE — Among southeastern Tulare County Citrus house and district Exchange managers who attended a Sunkist Managers Workshop in Monterey last week were: Frank Graham, Dick Neece, Harry Swarts, and Jay Martin, from Porterville; Leo McCrillis, Dub Orr, Ralph Tyrrell, and Al Bakalian, from Terra Bella; Eldon Smith, Stan Peterson, Cliff Pinegar, and Neal Barker, from Lindsay; and Dick Stark, from Strathmore.

Picking of grapefruit in the desert areas remains active.

Harvest of a good sugarbeet crop is in full swing in Imperial valley.

Most of California's asparagus is now being harvested for processing.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
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No. 22239

Estate of **KATHRYN CLEMISON DELVENTHAL** aka **KATHRYN C. DELVENTHAL** and **KATHRYN DELVENTHAL**, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated May 19, 1972.
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PREMIUM BOOKS FOR 4-H, FFA STATE FAIR

SACRAMENTO — Premium books for both 4-H and FFA State fair shows are now available to all club members through local sources.

Books for the 4-H clubs may be picked up at all county agricultural extension offices, and FFA books are available through vocational agriculture instructors at schools sponsoring FFA programs.

Dates for the 4-H fair are August 25 through 29, and FFA show dates are September 1 through 5. State fair dates are August 25 through September 13.

High point of the fair for both groups is the annual Golden Bear Junior Livestock auction, set for Labor day, September 4. Forty thousand dollars is being offered in premiums for the two junior shows this year, an increase of over \$10,000 from 1971.

Deadline for entry forms and dormitory applications is July 1 for 4-H and July 15 for FFA.

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Dated May 8, 1972.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate of **SVEN HILDOR BARTON**, also known as **SVEN H. BARTON** and **S.H. BARTON**, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated May 5, 1972.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Estate of **CATHERINE LAOURCADE**, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

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Banning Use Of Dogs By Deer Hunters Is Major Question Facing Commission

SACRAMENTO — The California Fish and Game commission, still struggling with one major unresolved issue, will adopt 1972-73 hunting regulations at a meeting Friday, May 26, in Los Angeles.

Commission President Joseph Russ III said the meeting, in Room 1138 of the New State Building at 107 South Broadway, will begin at 9 a.m.

The single question of general interest that the commission must answer at the meeting is whether to ban the use of dogs in deer hunting.

Meeting last month in San Diego, commissioners announced their intention to adopt regulations that would outlaw dogs in deer hunting. Commissioners indicated they were taking the action to place hunters on notice that the move was being considered.

Since that time the commission office has been flooded with mail from sportsmen protesting the action, which was taken in response to complaints from landowners and protectionists that dogs running in packs harass deer.

DUFFY PROPOSES TAX EXEMPTION FOR FARM GAS

SACRAMENTO — Legislation recently introduced by Assemblyman Gordon Duffy would exempt farmers and ranchers from having to pay a new California sales tax on gasoline, to be imposed by the state beginning July 1.

Duffy stated that since revenue from the new tax will be used primarily for highways and other public transportation, persons involved in agriculture should be exempted. Gasoline for farm purposes is currently subject to an 11-cent-per-gallon tax paid by all motorists, but this tax is refundable under present law.

MOBILE HOME PLANT GOES TO VISALIA

VISALIA — Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. has announced plans to construct a mobile home manufacturing plant in the Visalia industrial park. The company operates 47 plants in 20 states and others in Canada. It also manufactures recreational facilities and modular homes.

Memorial Poppy Sales May 26 And 27

PORTEVILLE — Memorial poppy sales will be conducted in the Porterville community tomorrow and Saturday by the Auxiliaries of Mount Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Post 20, The American Legion.

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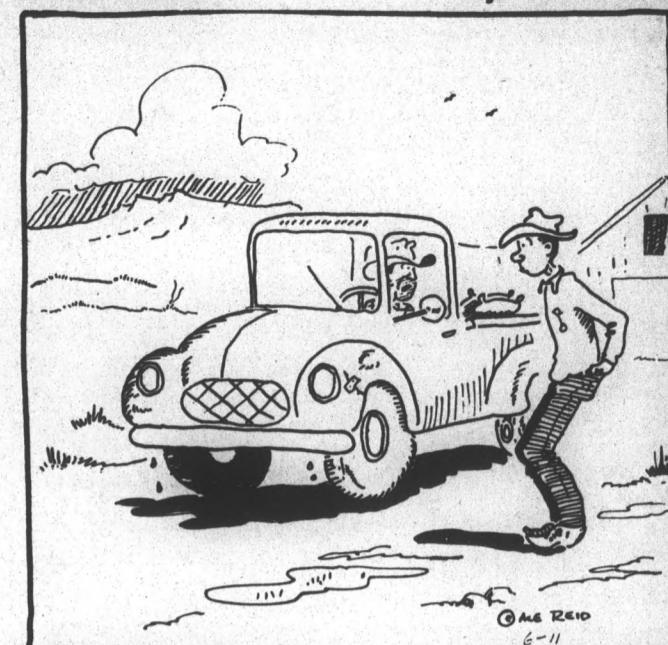
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Agriculture Survey

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soybean fields across the country for on the ground plant observations during the growing season. This is part of SRS's objective measurement program which indicates yields per acre.

Working with county road maps and aerial photographs, the well-trained enumerators locate each segment selected for the survey. They talk with each land operator to screen out non-agricultural portions. The farmers, however, are asked an extensive array of questions.

Mail questionnaires and phone interviews with some large-scale operators help complete the agricultural picture. This approach allows statisticians to provide the most reliable figures for farmers, policymakers, and other data users.

"Every single interview is important in a probability

sample such as the June survey - there's no good way to replace a farmer who does not respond," Henderson says. "That's why cooperation is vital to bringing the farm production picture into proper focus. All answers will be kept confidential and only state, regional, and national summaries will be released."

CHAVEZ UNION ENDORSES McGOVERN

KEENE, ARIZ. - Cesar Chavez' United Farmer Workers union has endorsed the candidacy of Sen. George McGovern for the Democrat presidential nomination. Meanwhile, Chavez is fasting again, this time to protest Arizona legislation against the secondary boycott, and strikes during harvest seasons.

LOCAL SCHOOLS GET FEDERAL FUNDS GRANTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Three grants of federal funds for Porterville schools were announced last week by Congressman Bob Mathias.

Porterville Union High School district received \$28,485.00 and the Porterville School district \$43,244.00 under Title I of public law 81-874 that provides financial assistance to school districts located in federally impacted districts for operational and maintenance expenses.

Porterville college will receive \$49,651.00 for financial assistance to 99 students under the College Work-Study and Educational Opportunity Grants programs.

Watermelon harvest is starting in the Imperial valley.

Drum Beating

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Barney Richardson as spokesman; the City of Porterville, with Cotta as spokesman; Post 20, The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary; Post 2001 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and VFW Auxiliary; World War I Barracks and Auxiliary; Springville VFW and Auxiliary; the C.S.O., City of Hope Auxiliary, Golden Age club, 20-Ands, Concerned Citizens, Springville Grange, Porterville Grange, Golden Rod Rebekah lodge, Odd Fellows lodge, Porterville Lodge of Elks, Mexican American Civic Organization, Breakfast Lions, Quota club, Toastmasters club, the County of Tulare, represented by Supervisor Ray Muller; and the Community Center Civic organization, represented by Larry Durtche.

In fact Lofton and others quietly "started the ball rolling" when previous plans for a community center civic building failed to get off the ground.

He pointed out, along with

Porterville Mayor Larry Cotta,

that the previously-considered

community building was

visualized more as a

recreational, welfare, special

services facility that would not

have met the need for a large

general purpose, community

center, as is now being discussed.

As for cost of the proposed

project, it seemed that the

community would be looking at

a million dollar project. Possible

sources of money were discussed

as the City of Porterville, the

Porterville Union High School

district, the Porterville Memorial

district, the County of Tulare,

and the federal government.

Opinion was expressed that

federal funds might be available

for two-thirds of the cost, with

the community, through its

public agencies, providing the

other one-third.

As to what local agency

would assume responsibility for

increasing the tax rate

sufficiently to finance the

project, to enter into

negotiations with the federal

government, and to purchase

property, there was no

immediate agreement, in fact it

seemed that city and memorial

district representatives were

jockeying around a bit on these

matters.

Lofton asked that individuals

and organizations favoring

construction of a new

community building

immediately address letters to

him, P.O. Box 828, Porterville,

93257.

He said that if the project

does materialize, it might be

several years before it could be

completed.

Organizations represented at

the meeting included: Directors

of the Porterville Memorial

district, with Board Chairman

VISALIA — Dr. William Bianchi, from the soil and water research office of the U.S. department of agriculture in Fresno, will discuss groundwater recharge operations in the Fresno area at a meeting of the Friant Water Users association today, at the Vintage Press, in Visalia.

The dinner meeting is set for 12 noon; an executive committee meeting is planned for 10:30 p.m. Other items on the agenda include discussion of legislative matters, and water supply and demand.



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